

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 34 (cancelled)

Please add the following new claims:

Claim 1 (new): An aircraft controller-pilot data link communications module for handling CPDLC messages, comprising:

a memory containing a plurality of digital audio data strings; and

a digital audio enunciator circuit that plays out a string of digital audio data from the memory corresponding to a CPDLC message selected from a plurality CPDLC messages.

Claim 2 (new): The module of claim 1 wherein the digital audio data strings include digital audio voice data.

Claim 3 (new): The module of claim 1 wherein the module plays out the corresponding audio data when the module receives a CPDLC message.

Claim 4 (new): The module of claim 1 wherein the module plays out the corresponding audio data when the module transmits a CPDLC message.

Claim 5 (new): The module of claim 1 wherein a string of digital audio data corresponds to a request to confirm a response to an uplink message, and wherein the module plays out said string of audio data before the module transmits the response.

Claim 6 (new): The module of claim 3 wherein the play out of audio data can be selectively turned on or off.

Claim 7 (new): The module of claim 2 wherein the digital audio voice data is synthesized.

Claim 8 (new): The module of claim 2 wherein the digital audio voice data is pre-recorded.

Claim 9 (new): The module of claim 1 wherein an aural sound sounds when the module receives an uplink message and a different aural sound sounds to confirm transmission of a response before the module transmits the response.

Claim 10 (new): An aircraft controller-pilot data link communications module for handling CPDLC messages, comprising:

an audio input that receives spoken audio voice data; and

a speech recognition component that identifies commands in the spoken audio voice data.

Claim 11 (new): The module of claim 10 wherein the speech recognition component uses an identifier of a current state of the module to facilitate identifying a spoken command.

Claim 12 (new): The module of claim 11 wherein a first aural sound sounds when the speech recognition component identifies a command in the audio voice data that is included in a set of possible commands associated with the identifier of a current state of the module, and a second aural sound sounds when the speech recognition component identifies a command in the audio voice data that is not included in the set of possible commands associated with the identifier of a current state.